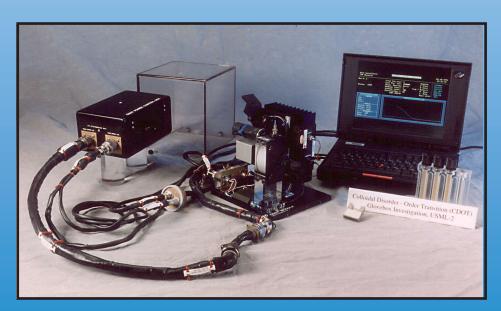


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Colloidal Disorder-Order Transition (CDOT)

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Colloidal crystals on Earth showing sedimentation



Colloidal crystals in microgravity showing dendritic growth

Objective:

To investigate the dynamics of hard sphere colloidal dispersions, focusing on the transition from a fluid to a crystal to a glass as the volume fraction of spheres increases, utilizing laser light scattering.

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